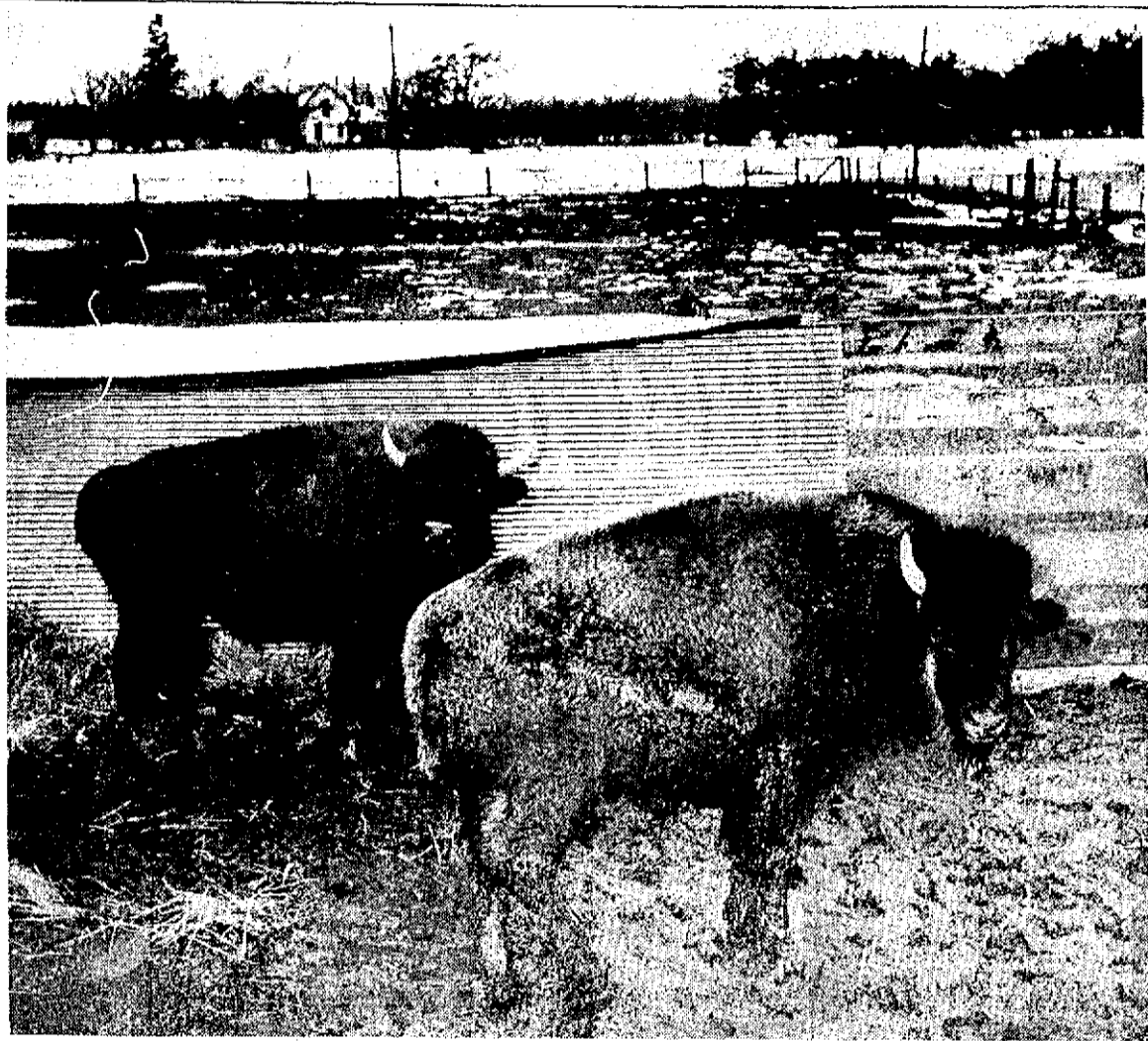


## Looks Like Dry Christmas For Teens



**STRANGE VISITORS:** The two new animals at the Bernard Rediess farm on county road 384 in South Haven township have caught the eye of many passersby since their arrival from North Dakota last week. The animals are a male and female buffalo which Rediess, who owns the Reznik

Packing plant, plans to use for breeding. Rediess says he doesn't plan to turn his new guests into hamburger — urrrrrr buffalo-burger — but purchased them as a novelty. "We had a pair 10 to 12 years ago and they turned into quite a tourist attraction," said Rediess. (Tom Renner photo)

## Boozing Bill Bottled Up In State Legislature

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — It appears that Michigan 18-year-olds will have to wait until New Year's Day for their first legal drink since a bill that would allow them to imbibe earlier is bottled up in a Senate subcommittee.

"It's a matter of when we get the work done," says Sen. Donald E. Bishop, R-Rochester, chairman of the Senate Judiciary subcommittee studying the bill.

Observers had thought the measure, one of a 52-bill package pertaining to rights of 18-year-olds as adults under the "Age of Majority" Act, would be approved in time for Christmas drinking.

However, Bishop and Sen. Robert Richardson, R-Saginaw, chairman of the Judiciary Committee, said that is almost out of the question.

Meanwhile a proposal to unlock taverns and liquor stores to allow election-day drinking or sale of alcohol during polling hours won approval by the Michigan House Tuesday.

That measure, passed 65-33, went to the Senate along with a rewritten Senate bill proposing tough standards for arresting suspected game poachers found with weapons and torches during hours of darkness.

Bishop said he is asking for advice from the attorney general about whether the "Age of Majority" Act by "reference" makes all 18-year-olds bonafide adults at 12:01 a.m. Jan. 1 or if each law now on the books pertaining to adults only must be changed.

Bishop said his subcommittee also has questions about the language of certain "Age of Majority" bills dealing with probate matters.

The "Age of Majority" Act is effective New Year's Day and Bishop said he believes "it is not good legislation to set a date for the whole act and then change it later."

The election-day drinking measure, sponsored by Reps. Hal Ziegler, R-Jackson, and J. Bob Traxler, D-Bay City, would repeal a section of law requiring liquor-dispensing establishments to close during voting hours.

Passage came virtually without comment, although one lawmaker laughingly told newsmen in the House chamber the measure was "a reporter's bill."

"This'll give you guys something to do on election day waiting for the returns to come in," the legislator said.

A much disputed bill revising state game laws went back to the Senate after the House deleted an amendment that would have allowed deer hunting by bow and arrow from trees. The practice is allowed in virtually every

other state where deer are hunted.

The major provision was a new section declaring possession of a weapon — rifle or bow — and an artificial light or torch automatic grounds for arrest on poaching charges at night.

Exceptions would be lights used in raccoon hunts or for properly authorized game census counts.

Opponents to hunting with bow and arrow from trees said firearms hunters would demand the same privilege and that granting it would lead to more wounded deer because of the smaller target from the high angle of fire.

## Father Will Donate Kidney To BH Man

A Benton Harbor man was to receive a kidney from his father in a transplant operation scheduled at the University of Michigan hospital in Ann Arbor today.

Recipient in the delicate surgical procedure is Robert Thierbach, 36, of Lake Shore avenue, Benton township, an executive for V-M Corp.

His father, John Thierbach, Sr., 62, formerly of Benton Harbor and now a resident of Mesa, Ariz., entered the hospital several days ago in preparation for the operation.

The younger Thierbach, who is a manager of the customer service department of V-M, has suffered a kidney ailment for some years, and recently has required assistance of the "kidney machine" procedure.

A graduate of St. John's high school in Benton Harbor, he has been employed by V-M Corp. since 1955, except for a tour of duty with the U.S. Marine corps. He has advanced through a series of positions with the company, and last August was promoted to his current post.

Thierbach is the father of two children who reside with their mother, Mrs. Suzanne Thierbach in St. Joseph. He was born in Benton Harbor and is a lifelong resident of the area. His parents moved to Arizona some years ago. His maternal grandmother, Mrs. Vera Hearn, resides at 1050 Monroe, Benton Harbor.



ROBERT  
THIERBACH

## 'Budget Busters' Trimmed

## Conferees Chop Up Tax Bill

By EDMOND LeBRETON  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — House and Senate conferees have chopped from the tax bill \$12 billion worth of tax-relief amendments that caused a presidential veto threat, but the conferees apparently are at odds over a provision to finance presidential cam-

paigns with federal income taxes.

Trimmed from the bill Tuesday were what President Nixon called "budget-busting amendments" including ones providing for increases in personal income tax deductions and tax-credits for ghetto businesses and for parents who pick up the tabs for their children's college education.

These, plus the campaign-financing plan, caused the White House to announce Monday that Nixon would reject the legislation if it reached him with them in it.

The only major item that

remains to be agreed on by the conferees, who resume meetings today, is a controversial plan allowing individuals to earmark \$1 of their income tax for presidential campaigns.

The money would go to all parties, but it is not as badly needed by the Republicans — who reportedly have a \$40 million surplus — as by the Democrats who are said to be broke.

Democrats on the committee apparently want to retain this provision.

There was talk, however, of

some modifications that could escape Nixon's veto. Sources said one possible change would make it harder for minority parties to share in the financing. One main objection to the plan is that it might aid the formation of splinter parties.

The original \$25-billion bill, however, was

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## Farm Wives Take Cause To Milliken

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — About 80 Michigan farm wives swept through the State Capitol Tuesday distributing Michigan-grown apples and pleading for help to save the family farm as a way of life.

Led by Mrs. Connie Canfield of Keeler, president of the Women for the Survival of Agriculture in Michigan, a dozen women conferred with Gov. William Milliken for half an hour. Milliken received a bushel of apples, said he was sympathetic to their cause and offered moral support.

They presented a series of recommendations to the

Governor which they hope would help solve the economic plight of Michigan farmers.

One recommendation asked for an immediate investigation by both state and federal government into the buying practices of processors and fresh fruit brokers. The women claim there is reason to believe that "price fixing" has taken place among handlers of fruits and vegetables.

Milliken, who has created a land use commission to study ways of best utilizing Michigan's natural resources, noted that "one of the disturbing things" is that "some 800,000 acres have moved from agricultural land to other purposes."

Borgliot Zollar, wife of Sen. Charles Zollar, R-Benton Harbor, was among the organization members handing out apples.

Zollar, an industrialist, said he "didn't make any money" this year on a 1,000-acre apple and peach farm he owns in Berrien County.

The apples the women distributed cost \$1.55 a bushel to produce but they sell for only 50 cents.

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**SANTA'S HELPERS:** "Richest kettle in U.S." is claimed by Salvation Army veteran Sgt. Jake Robyns, and his wife, Mary of Kalamazoo who collected \$8,318 in the 1970 Christmas campaign. National Headquarters in Chicago reports no individual records kept, but says claim is "probably true." It's Jake's 44th consecutive year at same spot in downtown Kalamazoo. (AP Wirephoto)

## New Life Given To Others After Allegan Youth Dies

ALLEGAN — Funeral services are to be held Friday for an Allegan youth who died Monday night from injuries received in an auto accident Thanksgiving Day but who, in death, gave new life to two other persons through unique kidney transplant operations.

Authorities at Borgess hospital where David L. Hitchcock, 18, route 3, Allegan died, said the youth's kidneys were transferred to the two other persons following his death.

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The transplant was the first of its kind in western Michigan.

Both kidney recipients were reported in satisfactory condition yesterday. They were identified by the hospital as Marilyn Ridderman, 19, Kalamazoo, and Keith Wagar, 45, Grand Rapids.

The hospital said the transplants occurred in simultaneous operations.

Mr. Hitchcock, a senior in Allegan high school, was injured when his car went out of control on 103th avenue at Bridge road and rolled over.

Two passengers in the car, Thomas Chapel, 17, and David Strey, 18, both of Allegan, were also injured. Chapel remains hospitalized in the Allegan Health center where he was reported in good condition yesterday.

The fatality was the 16th in Allegan county so far this year. Services for Mr. Hitchcock will be held at 3 p.m. Friday in the Gordon funeral home, Allegan chapel, with burial to follow in Millgrove cemetery.

Mr. Hitchcock's survivors in-

clude his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hitchcock, route 3, Allegan; a brother, Gary, 15; a sister, Joan, 16; paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Hitchcock of Allegan; maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Butcher of Hopkins; and great-grandmother, Mrs. Ethel Hitchcock of Muskegon.

A spokesman for Borgess

hospital said the operations — transplanting kidneys from a dead person — were the first of their kind in west Michigan.

The first kidney transplant between related persons in west Michigan occurred Nov. 3 at Borgess hospital when Garr Decker, 24, Sister Lakes, received a kidney from his mother, Florence Decker.

## Sonya's Ads Not What They Appear

LONDON (AP) — "Sonya gives fully body massage," said the stickers pasted up all over London's after hours district, emulating the cards with which prostitutes advertise themselves as secretaries, riding teachers, companions and the like.

Sonya's commercial gave three telephone numbers. "This is Intourist, the Soviet travel agency," said a voice at one of the numbers. "We do not give body massages, and I do not know who Sonya is."

The other numbers rang at Tass, the Soviet news agency.

The Committee of Fighters for Soviet Jewry, an underground group, sent London newspapers an announcement today that it is Sonya.

"We wish to make the Russians' lives unbearable as they are making the lives of the Soviet Jews unbearable," the message said.

# THE HERALD-PRESS

## Editorial Page

W. J. Banyon, Editor and Publisher  
Herb Lindenfeld, Managing Editor

### Deducting Political Contributions

The high cost of staging a political campaign of any consequence has stirred all manner of discussion on how to foot the bills other than by the time honored practice of wringing the money from patronage jobholders, contractors and others hopeful for government business, and the faithful follower with a well padded pocketbook.

Corrupt Practice Acts adopted years ago by Congress and many state legislatures seek the answer by putting a lid on what a candidate may spend. They are so loosely drawn as to be meaningless and applying the bite in what few teeth they do possess is tokenism. The enforcer normally has no inclination to have the defendant level the same charge at him.

Efforts to strengthen the Acts have drawn much conversation but little action recently.

A few years ago somebody in Congress proposed making a nominal

donation, something from \$1 to \$25, a deduction from income reportable for tax purposes. Since no one in high places took up the cudgels on its behalf this idea slid in the wastebasket.

The Senate has revived the scheme in modified form and it is now headed for a joint conference between the House and Senate tax writing committees.

This version authorizes the taxpayer to inform the IRS to send \$1 to the former's party designation. The dollar is deductible from the tax itself.

Its sponsors estimate this could deliver \$20 million annually to the Democratic and Republican national coffers and they say George Wallace might rake in \$6 million.

This taxpayer designated fund would be all the national organizations could spend in a general election.

The Senate Democrats masterminding this plot have tacked it on the tax relief bill for business and individuals requested months ago by the Administration. The tax cuts themselves run deeper than the White House regards as fiscally sound.

Though Nixon has declared he will veto the entire bill if the fund rider is not deleted, Washington's political quarterbacks are betting the joint conference will not cave in. Taxpayer desire for relief, they argue, is more potent than high flown theories on the propriety and the constitutionality of the federal treasury financing the politicians.

Sen. Hugh Scott, the minority leader, correctly labels the bill relief for Democrats rather than relief for the taxpayer.

The Democratic National Committee is \$9 million in hock from the '68 campaign. Earlier this week Ma Bell informed the committee its unpaid bill of \$1.3 from three years ago must be liquidated before any lines are laid in for the '72 show. Contrary to the days when FDR and LBJ were riding high donations from the big spenders show little sign of coming through. While the GOP national treasury is sending out weekly fund appeals, its bank account appears in little danger of having to float out any NSF cheques.

We have stated repeatedly the amount spent counts for less than the sources from which it comes.

There are too many special interests already sandbagging the federal treasury which in the final analysis is the citizen's purse without adding this sleazy free loader to the lineup.

### Botanists Challenge An Old Christmas Custom

Plum pudding for the table and mistletoe for decorating the house are Christmas trappings so long followed as to appear to be above reproach.

Doctors concerned with overweight patients today are suggesting a lighter dessert and the botanist is expressing misgivings about the cheery vine beneath which male and female may embrace fulsomely without regard to marital or engagement ties.

There are some 1,200 species of this parasitic plant to be found on all continents and in all climatic zones except Antarctica.

It draws its nourishment from trees and bushes. Centuries ago it inspired the superstitious belief the forests were reborn each spring because the mistletoe is green in winter when its host tree appears dead.

The ancients from the Mediterranean to the Baltic seas held it to be sacred.

It was the "golden bough" protecting Aeneas on his trip to the underworld. Pliny recounts Druid priests gathering it with golden sickles as maidens caught the boughs in white

cloth to prevent its touching the ground. The Romans believed a sprig assured the dead a safe passage across the River Styx into Hades. A Norse legend says after it slew the god, Balder, the mistletoe promised never to do harm again.

Later generations attributed medical properties to mistletoe.

Middle Age Frenchmen brewed medicine from it. Swedes chewed it as a cure for ulcers. As late as the early 18th century, Englishmen regarded it as a cure for many ills, including epilepsy.

Today's botanists, biologists and foresters view this bit of the Christmas heritage with a more jaundiced eye.

Arceuthobium or the dwarf variety annually ravages thousands of acres of valuable timberland.

The forester's remedy is to cut down the infested trees.

The National Science Foundation and the National Geographic Society are funding a worldwide expedition of botanists and biologists to study the plant.

About the most known of it is its reproductive system. It is unique in being one of the few flowering parasitic plants.

Virtually nothing is known about its great ability to migrate and the interrelationship between its chromosomes and those of other plants.

The American Tobacco Company once peddled countless Lucky Strikes under the slogan, "Nature in the raw is seldom mild."

The Science-Geographic research in more scholarly language says the same thing.

We hope, though, the eminent scientists may find the mistletoe to be divided between the "good guys" and the "bad guys," thereby making it possible to reconcile ecology with heritage in one sweep of the harvester's knife.

### In The Flesh But Not In Spirit



### GLANCING BACKWARDS

#### URGE BH SELL FRUIT MARKET

—1 Year Ago—  
The financially strapped City of Benton Harbor has been urged by its accounting firm to sell the fruit market and to phase out its existing pension plans.

The recommendations were presented as a review of the recent audit by W. E. Smiths of the Benton Harbor certified public accounting firm of

#### Herkner, Smiths, Miskill & Johnson.

#### SHS STUDENT HELY LT. GOVERNOR

—10 Years Ago—  
Mike A. Reed, 17-year-old St. Joseph high school senior, was elected lieutenant governor of the annual Youth Legislature sponsored by the YMCA in Lansing.

He was the choice of some 260 teenage delegates drawn

from Hi-Y and Try-H-Y clubs throughout the state. The son of the John Reeds of Box 40, Lake Shore drive, young Reed has been in the St. Joseph high school Hi-Y since 10th grade and is currently president.

#### CANCEL DRAFT FOR DECEMBER

—30 Years Ago—  
Lieut. Col. J. I. Croshaw, deputy selective service director, offered assurance today at Lansing that no men would be called in the draft from this state from Dec. 12 until after New Year's because of widespread misunderstanding.

Selective service medical examinations will continue through Dec. 19, he said, explaining that those who pass will not be called until January and February.

#### CLOSED

—45 Years Ago—  
Cartier's restaurant on Ship street is to be closed for repairs and remodeling. A tile floor will be laid.

#### FALSE

—50 Years Ago—  
The fire department was called to the Pere Marquette depot early this morning but it was a false alarm.

#### BASEBALL GAME

—65 Years Ago—  
Business men of the city played indoor baseball last night in the school gym and B. Stuart McConnell and E. P. Clarke, leaders, chose two teams.

#### LOW LAKE

—85 Years Ago—  
The lake is lower than ever before at St. Joseph. At the Graham and company's docks it is a foot lower than the record.

#### Dogs Win A Round

KALAMAZOO, Mich. (AP) — An ordinance requiring Portage residents to keep their dogs from disturbing neighbors by barking or yelping has been upheld as constitutional by Kalamazoo County Circuit Judge Raymond Fox.

Judge Fox today overruled a Portage district court judge, who struck down the ordinance as excessively vague. Judge Fox said he felt the law was proper because the ordinance spelled out the conduct which is prohibited.

### EDITOR'S MAILBAG

Editor,  
The Herald-Press:

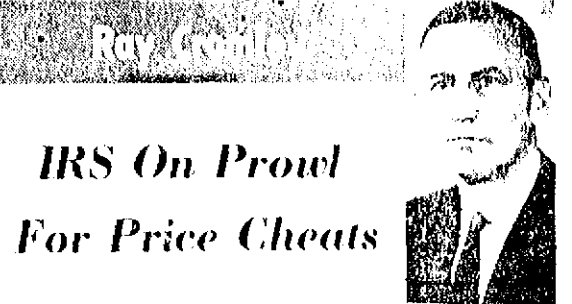
#### OH YES

You tried your best, you didn't make it. You put on your best to make a hit. You're acting smart, but it will never do. You are only liked by a very few.

You blow your top to make me see How pretty and smart you like to be. Oh, you, you look so lovely in white, I never did like it, what a sight.

Go away and leave me alone. And then my love you will have won; What are you trying me to show? Go somewhere else, you beautiful snow.

ELRICHI ROSENTHAGEN,  
801 Port St.  
St. Joseph



#### WASHINGTON (NEA)

Internal Revenue Service men make 12,000 to 15,000 monitoring checks a week on American businesses as part of their normal tax surveillance.

At each such visit, they now ask businessmen for price lists. This will be routine as long as Phase II lasts.

Significant price boosts found in these samples will be crosschecked and run through the computers if necessary to determine whether they fit the rules.

This is the iron fist in the velvet glove, designed to keep prices down in 10 million small and medium-sized businesses across the nation.

Businessmen deliberately will not be told precisely what price increases they are entitled to. Instead, each company will get formulas and principles. Each firm will then have to prove its case based on its own interpretation of the rules, its own concept of productivity increase and its own definition of whether a product is new and therefore partially or wholly exempt, or old and not exempt at all.

This procedure is aimed at making businessmen cautious. They will be told, however, to take every rightful price increase.

The U.S. experience in World War II and Korean price controls may have something to teach us. Men involved in that exercise say this is what to look for.

A tendency among producers to concentrate more on those items which have been most profitable and to cutback on the production of less-profitable items, even though the latter may be in great demand. This could create shortages.

An unusual shift to "new" items, hardly distinguishable from the "old" items for which prices are controlled. In World War II, a possibly apocryphal story goes, it was very difficult to buy plain T-shirts but "Mickey Mouse" T-shirts were plentiful. They were a "new" item.

A trend among producers to hedge on quality, quantity and service. Though illegal, officials say these deceptions were often extremely difficult to detect and quite often even more difficult to prove.

The Nixon administration is counting on a national will not to cheat. Men who have been through this price control exercise before say: "Don't count on it."

#### WASHINGTON (AP)

Former President Lyndon Johnson secretly prefer the reelection of President Richard Nixon if the Democrats pick a dove such as Sen. George McGovern as their 1972 Presidential nominee?

Would Johnson vote Republican if his old Texas friend and ally, Secretary of the Treasury John Connally, becomes President Nixon's running mate next year?

Not a chance, Johnson says. The former President insists "there are absolutely no circumstances" under which he might withhold his support from the 1972 Democratic nominee, no matter who that candidate may be.

In fact, he is distressed at periodic stories that suggest he privately favored Richard Nixon in 1968 over Hubert Humphrey and still is inclined toward Nixon for 1972.

The former President, in the first on-the-record conversation he has held with a newspaper writer since his retirement nearly three years ago, emphasized that all the major Democratic Presidential candidates are "acceptable" to him.

He said, "I would never desert my party" — the party to which he devoted his long career and which nominated him for the nation's highest elective office in 1964. "There are absolutely no circumstances," he said, "which would lead me not to support the Democratic nominee."

"If Connally is going to be Vice President," Johnson added with a smile, "I hope it will be on the Democratic ticket."

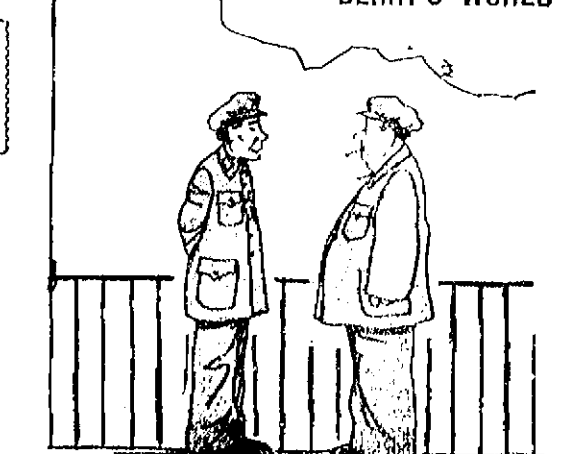
Speculation that Johnson may support President Nixon next year has been persistent for several reasons. All the major Democratic Presidential candidates except Sen. Henry Jackson have criticized Johnson's conduct of the war in Vietnam and called for speedy withdrawal. The Democratic Party has given him the cold shoulder. Chairman Lawrence O'Brien, for instance, delivered a speech recently reviewing the accomplishments of Democratic rule during the 1960's and managed not to mention the name of the President who presided over five years of those accomplishments. By contrast, Johnson's relations with President Nixon have remained mutually cordial and respectful.

The former President, however, hinted that he might even like to campaign for the 1972 Democratic nominee, if asked. He does not believe it is proper for an ex-President to criticize publicly his successor — except in campaign season. "That's when we get to gnash our teeth," he said jovially.

Announcement Is Criticized

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Nixon administration has been accused of playing politics with the White House Conference on Aging by using it as a forum to announce a "headline-clogging" crackdown on substandard nursing homes.

"In some groups there was quite a strong feeling about the timing of this announcement," said James G. Houghton of Chicago, a co-chairman of the conference's health section.



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Twin City  
News

ST. JOSEPH, MICH. WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1971



NEITHER SNOW NOR... Ground breaking ceremonies were held yesterday in snow showers for the new Law and Title Building on Ship street in the St. Joseph urban renewal area. Minutes after owner-occupants of the new three-story, 30,637

square foot structure broke ground with hand shovels, a bulldozer for George Miller Jr. & Son began tearing up the ground for actual construction. Building is scheduled to be completed in September, 1972. From left in the first row are:

Attorneys Ronald Taylor, Vance A. Fisher and Theodore Troff; Abstracter David Upton; Attorneys David Vanderploeg, Russell Taylor, John Ryan, Patrick Kinney, Robert Yampolsky and James McQuillan. Their firms will occupy the new

building. City officials, contractors, bankers and Twin Cities Area Chamber of Commerce ambassadors were on hand for the ground breaking. (Staff Photo)

## Taylor Bows Out Of Judge Race GOP Choice Due Saturday

The Berrien county Republican executive committee may make a recommendation Saturday to Gov. William Milliken for interim appointment of a circuit judge to succeed the late Karl F. Zick.

Atty. F. A. (Mike) Jones, GOP county chairman, said he believes the executive committee will act on a recommendation when it meets at Benton Harbor Holiday Inn. Six names were sent to the governor last week by Jones for consideration.

A recommendation presumably will be made from the six.

Meanwhile, one of the six original candidates, Prosecutor Ronald J. Taylor has asked Milliken to remove his name from consideration.

Taylor said the list contains names of others he considers well qualified, especially because of their experience in prosecution, and he desires to continue as county prosecutor. Four of the six appeared last night at a county Republican committee meeting in

Berrien Springs. Present were Atty. Donald J. Dick, Berrien Springs; Zoe Shaffer Burkholz, Benton Harbor; William S. White, Niles, and Taylor. They were introduced and no "campaign" speeches were made.

Absent were Probate Judge Ronald Lange who said he did not think it "judicially ethical to seek partisan support for a nonpartisan office," and Fifth District Judge John T. Hammond who was out of town.

The appointment by the governor will run until the end of 1972. An election will be held on nonpartisan ballot in November, 1972, for the balance of Judge Zick's term, 1973-74.

In a letter to the governor, Taylor said he had not actively sought the appointment but had permitted his name to be placed in consideration because he feels "all viewpoints, including that of the prosecution, be represented in the councils of the court."

Taylor said that on publication of the names submitted to the governor as candidates for appointment "I have been pleased to observe that there appear among them candidates who are both mature and experienced and in addition have a solid background

in the criminal justice field. Any of these men (sic), I believe would, bring that balance of good law enforcement combined with equal justice, which is so essential to the

proper functioning of the criminal justice system. I most earnestly urge the appointment of such a man."

The other contenders with prosecution experience are

Lange, Hammond and White.

Taylor told the governor that "in view of the high quality of other candidates proposed and with a desire to continue to serve this county and this state as an officer of the court and a representative of the people in the office of prosecuting attorney, I respectfully request that my name be withdrawn from consideration for appointment to the circuit court bench."

### SJ Man Honored At Wayne

John R. Runyan, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Runyan, Sr., 848 Wisconsin avenue, St. Joseph, was awarded an honorary scholarship for academic achievement at the Wayne State University Law School honors convocation Nov. 23 in Detroit.

Runyan also was recipient of the Robert Marx Foundation scholarship, awarded outstanding students with a special interest in advocacy. The honorary scholarships are presented to recognize outstanding students in the top 10 percent of their class.

Runyan also is a member of the WSU Law School's team in the National Appellate Moot Court competition which was



JOHN R. RUNYAN, JR.

runnerup in regional competition in Cleveland and will compete in the national finals Dec. 15-17 in New York. Runyan received an award for the best team brief.

He is a member of the board of governors of WSU Law school and will receive a juris doctor degree next spring.

### Sgt. Sexton To Receive Bracelets

WARREN, Mich. (AP) — S. Sgt. John Sexton will be presented with hundreds of bracelets bearing his name at a testimonial dinner Dec. 8.

The bracelets were worn by Americans during Sexton's captivity, said Mrs. Douglas Coplin, chairman of Voices of Vital America, the organization which distributed them.

She said they are being given to Sexton as "proof that he was not forgotten during his 26 months as a Viet Cong prisoner."

## SJ Educators Give HP Fund A Hefty Boost

When Good Fellows get together there can be only result — action and that's what we got today.

The receipts that came through the snow storm total a hefty \$170 which means \$789 already in and \$2,711 to go to reach our announced goal of \$3,500.

It's an important milestone because we're charging into December ahead of last year. On Dec. 1, 1970 we had \$760 in the till. Remember, last year the Herald-Press Good Fellow fund set an all-time record.

The big push today comes from the St. Joseph Education association. They have been a cornerstone of the fund for as long as it has been operating and their \$150 donation comes with considerable background. Teachers have been one of the sources the Good Fellow office learns of families who need a lift at Christmas.

There is an old saying you can't beat City Hall. Well you can't beat their regular service. Every year City Hall Denizen sends the Good Fellow fund \$10. One of the important factors in reaching the goal each year is the number of regular contributors.

From Sawyer comes a wish for a "Merry Christmas" and its "From Grandma." That Merry Christmas is worth \$10 to the Good Fellow fund and if

you want to know why "Grandma," "City Hall Denizen" and the SJEA members are smiling — read on:

Below is a letter received last January, right after Christmas when gifts were sent to nearly 800 families: A mother writes: "My children and I would like to express our thanks for the generous gift at Christmas. The money certainly helped lessen the strain on our overstretched budget, but more than that the wonderful feeling that somebody cares, really kept us in mind of the true spirit of the season. Thank all of you."

That's what Good Fellows is all about.

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## NP Contributor Gives Her 30th Straight Gift

A Good Fellow for the 30th year! That's the record of Mrs. E. P. Holzapfel of St. Joseph who joined the ranks back in 1942 and has been a steady contributor ever since.

The grand lady this year even boosted her contribution. She sent \$25 saying: "I'm adding a few extra dollars to buy an extra loaf of bread."

Santa Claus was highly pleased to receive such a message from an old friend. "The Good Fellow Fund keeps going because of the scores of regulars who contribute each year, plus many new contributors. There's room for all in the Good Fellow ranks."

A snowy morning brought

\$70 to the Good Fellow counting house today, topped by Mrs. Holzapfel's \$25. This put the fund at \$1,434.00 on the first day of December toward its goal of \$3,500.

Michigan Gas Utilities employees gave \$22 in memory of Emmett Clanton. Out in Lawrence Mrs. Laurealea M. Duncan sent \$15. Ray, Mary, Rayette, Judy and Timmy Hicks took their place on the roster with \$5. And there was \$3 from Angela, Andrea and Allen Mallett.

"Keep it coming, Good Fellows," Santa cheered. "Just as sure as Christmas is coming we'll meet our goal again."

### Bay County Must Pay Up

BAY CITY, Mich. (AP) — The Bay County Board of Commissioners has agreed to pay attorney fees for a court case it lost, only after being ordered three times by circuit court to pay the bill.

The fees, totaling \$8,000, were the result of a Michigan Supreme Court decision against the commissioners, in which Bay County district court judges had sued the board to gain control of their own employees and budget.



FROM A BIG FAMILY: These four German Shepherd - Collie pups have six other siblings who also are waiting for adoption at the Berrien

Humane Society shelter, 641 South Crystal avenue, Benton township. The entire litter of 10 is domiciled temporarily at the shelter. (Staff photo)

## Catholic School Dress Code Vote Up To Parents

Parents of Lake Michigan Catholic students who want a review of the dress code can sign petitions to bring the matter up for a vote, according to the Lake Michigan Catholic Home and School association.

Petitions are available at the Lake Michigan Catholic high school, St. Joseph; the middle school, Benton Harbor; and primary school, Fairplain St. Bernard's.

If one-third of the parents petition for changes in the dress code, it will be brought to a vote of all parents. Friday, Dec. 3, is the deadline for signing petitions.

If a majority of parents want changes in a general vote, a committee will be formed to establish a new dress code. The present dress code will be in effect until further notice.

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**LODGE PROGRESSES:** The frame of the Royal Valley ski lodge is up in Buchanan township. When completed, the 60 by 123 foot metal structure is to contain a fireplace, cafeteria, ski shop, rental service and babysitting facilities. Al and Sybil Rottmann, owners,

estimate that the \$1 million project, to be completed over the next six years, will include 12 runs and two trails. Seven runs are to be open this year. (Don Wehner photo)

## Berrien Okays Sewer Contracts

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### Work At Berrien Springs, Paw Paw Lake Covered

The Berrien county board of public works Tuesday awarded contracts for \$3.3 million in construction on two sewer facilities in the county.

J. F. Sadler, Inc., of Milford won a \$2,688,330 contract to build a sewage treatment plant serving the Paw Paw lake area communities; and Knapp Construction Co. of Rochester, Ind., won a \$646,574 contract to improve a sewage plant at Berrien Springs.

Both firms were apparent low bidders in bids opened by the BPW at the courthouse, St. Joseph, on Nov. 24. Award of contracts by the BPW Tuesday came on recommendations from the engineering firms of Ayres, Lewis, Norris & May for the Paw Paw lake area plant, and Clyde E. Williams & Associates for the Berrien Springs job.

Both contract awards are conditioned on the approval of the federal Environmental Protection agency.

Carr Baldwin, project engineer for the Paw Paw lake-

area plant, told the BPW Tuesday that although the J.F. Sadler bid was higher than estimates. However, the cost of the plant and allied interceptor will still be some \$250,000 under the money available from bonds and government grants.

Amba Patel, project engineer for the Berrien Springs job, and Bernard Brennan, the engineering firm section director, said monies expected from a bond sale and state-federal grants should cover Knapp Construction company's \$646,574 bid.

## Bloomington Nixes Bond Issue

### Proposal Loses By 2-1 Vote

Board Chief  
Is 'Surprised'

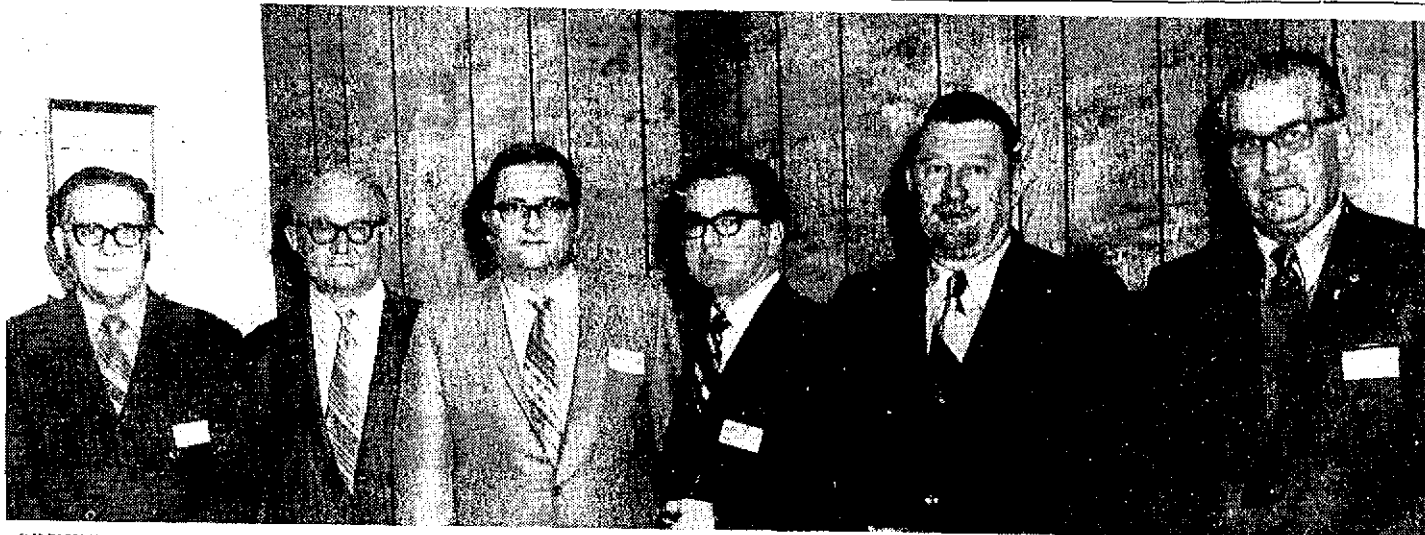
**BLOOMINGDALE** — Bloomington school district voters here yesterday turned down a \$1.9 million bond issue proposal by the same 2-1 margin with which they turned down another building proposal last February.

The unofficial tally was 460 to 200, with two spoiled ballots. The February proposal, which would have cost about \$200,000 less, was defeated 442 to 191.

Opposition was strong yesterday in both of the district's precincts though the Pullman precinct, where residents of Grand Junction vote, continued to show the most 'no' votes. The tally there is 246 to 88, with one spoiled ballot.

In the Bloomington precinct the vote was 214 opposed and 112 in favor, with one spoiled ballot.

The proposal offered in February had been altered this time to include proposed construction of a new four-room



**GREETINGS FROM MLS:** Local government officials from throughout Berrien county were guests of the Multiple Listing System (MLS) of the Southwestern Michigan Board of Realtors during informal luncheon Tuesday at Benton Harbor Ramada Inn. From left are: Robert Flaherty, mayor of Watervliet; Ed Kesterke, Berrien Springs village president; Florian Beles, MLS president and

president of Berrien Realty Co., St. Joseph; Joseph Bachman, mayor of Buchanan; Lester Krumrie, mayor of Bridgman; and Keith Gridley, president of Three Oaks. Joining session later was W. H. Ehrenberg, mayor of St. Joseph. Luncheon was held as social get-together. (Staff photo)

facility at Grand Junction after residents there protested plans to close the grade school.

The proposal also would have allowed the construction of a new middle school next to the high school; addition of five classrooms to the Bloomington grade school; and the addition of eight rooms and a

kitchen at Pullman facilities.

Board President Charles Wickert expressed surprise at the outcome of the balloting but deferred any speculation of the board's next move until the board meets Dec. 14.

The proposal yesterday called for a \$1,895,000 bond issue, compared with \$1,670,000 in February.

## Township Studies Law To Reduce Pot Penalty

**LANSING, Mich. (AP)** — The penalty for the possession and use of marijuana may be reduced to the level of a parking ticket just eight miles from the state capital and next door to the Michigan State University campus.

An ordinance imposing a \$5 fine for pot offenses has been proposed by Rodney D. Hagenbuch, a member of the Meridian Township board of trustees. The township contains about 5,000 students, Hagenbuch said, and part of the MSU campus, including parts of several dormitory complexes.

"My purpose," said Hagenbuch, "is not to legalize or promote the use of marijuana. It is to recognize a problem which exists in our community because of our close proximity to a mass grouping of younger people."

The proposal has been turned over to township attorney Theodore W. Swift to determine if the township has the authority to pass such a law. State law makes possession or use of marijuana a felony, punishable by up to 10 years in prison.

Contradictions already exist between state law and local ordinances, however. Both Ann Arbor and East Lansing have made possession of marijuana a misdemeanor.

A city can pass such an ordinance "if it can show that it has a local problem that is distinguishable from the problem at which state law is aimed," said Assistant Atty. Gen. Maxine B. Virtue. "It can only address itself to a local problem

and impose a local penalty." The decision whether to prosecute under the state law or city ordinance would be up to the city attorney, she said. The choice also rests in part with the police when they decide

whether to take the case to the city attorney or county prosecutor.

Whether a home-rule township has the same power as a city to draft such ordinances has not been determined, she said.

## Marine Receives Medal

**BUCHANAN** — Marine 1st Dennis A. McConaghy of Brunswick, Maine, son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren McConaghy, route 1, Buchanan, has been awarded a Bronze Star for his service in Vietnam and Okinawa.

The Marine Corps said that the officer, a 1959 graduate of Lakeshore high school, led his men in the rout of an enemy force and the capture of six of the wounded enemy soldiers during a battle on Feb. 4, 1971, in Vietnam.

According to the Corps, McConaghy stood in full view of the enemy, despite heavy fire from enemy weapons, to deploy his platoon of men and lead them to the victory.

The win and capture of the enemy soldiers led to the confiscation of a large cache of enemy food supplies, the Corps said.

The February display, said the Corps, was just one example of the lieutenant's



DENNIS A. MC CONAGHY

distinguishing dedication and ability. The training of troops for combat duty while stationed in Okinawa was also mentioned. McConaghy served in Vietnam from March, 1970 to March, 1971.

McConaghy entered the Marines a year after graduation from high school. He and his wife, the former Marilee Trapp, have two children. The family lives in Brunswick where McConaghy is currently assigned at a Marine installation.

## State Mental Health Chief To Be Speaker

Dr. E. Gordon Yudashkin, director of the Michigan Department of Mental Health, will be the speaker Thursday, Dec. 9, when the formal merger of two mental health boards in the Berrien county area takes place.

A 6:30 p.m. dinner in the forum at Memorial hospital, St. Joseph, followed by a program, will mark the occasion. The merger will end a 25-year record of outstanding service in mental health for the St. Joseph River Valley Mental Health clinic board, originally the Child Guidance Clinic board.

This board will give up its identity to be absorbed by the Berrien County Community Mental Health Services board. The move is seen as a step towards more efficient operation since many duties on each board were duplicated.

Dr. Yudashkin was formerly the assistant director in the Michigan Department of Mental Health in charge of programs for the mentally ill in communities and in hospitals. Previously he had been superintendent of the Northville State hospital. Before coming to Michigan he was director of Community Mental Health Services in Nassau county, N. Y., and the nation's pioneer, aftercare center in Brooklyn, N. Y.

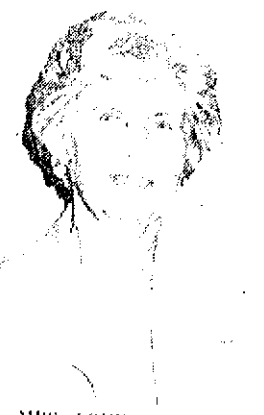
Among ardent workers for better mental health programs and facilities who have served during the past 25 years and continue to support the new merged board is Mrs. Louis Speidel. She was the first president of the Child Guidance Clinic board and is the last president of the St. Joseph River Valley Mental Health Clinic Board. She is co-chairman of the Dec. 9 meeting with Mrs. Thomas A. Nowlen. Mrs. Nowlen is president of the Berrien County Chapter,

Michigan Society for Mental Health.

Invitations have been sent to all previous and present board members of both boards and to interested persons. Those who cannot attend the dinner are welcome to come to the program at 8 p.m., according to Mrs. Speidel.



DR. E. G. YUDASHKIN  
State Director



MRS. LOUIS SPEIDEL  
25 years service

## REMOVE QUICKLY

## Billboard Owners Get Final Notice

**LANSING, Mich. (AP)** — The Michigan Highway department has notified the last 73 of more than 400 persons or firms that their billboards along Interstate freeways are illegal and must be removed quickly.

The department said it is prepared to take the signs down if owners fail to comply with the notice within 30 days.

Most of the signs among the last batch of 73 are in Branch, Chippewa and Genesee counties, the department said.

Present law bans signs within 660 feet of Interstate or major state or federal highway rights-of-way. There are exceptions in business and industrial zones, and many signboard owners have been able to block the department's wrecking crews by court battles.

A tougher law that would put the state in compliance with federal standards, required to qualify for federal roadbuilding funds, remains stalled in the legislature.



**NEW BANK LAWYER:** Richard A. Boezeman (center), 30, of 11354 Riviera road, New Buffalo, was admitted to practice law in Michigan Tuesday by Berrien Circuit Judge Julian Hughes (left). His admission came on motion of Three Oaks Atty. Theron Childs (right). A native of Wheatfield, Ill., Boezeman is a 1971 graduate of Valparaiso (Ind.) university law school and will serve as attorney for Bank of Three Oaks. He and his wife, Leona, a piano teacher at Valparaiso university, have a son, Rick, 17 months. (Staff photo)